

American Railway History

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Rare Liberty Nickel At Flint Exhibition

One of the major attractions at the Flint Stamp & Coin Club exhibition at the Durant Hotel, Flint, Mich. will be one of the rare 1913 Liberty Head nickels.

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Further information about the show can be gotten from J. S. Reynolds, 209 E. Kearsley Ave., Flint, Mich.

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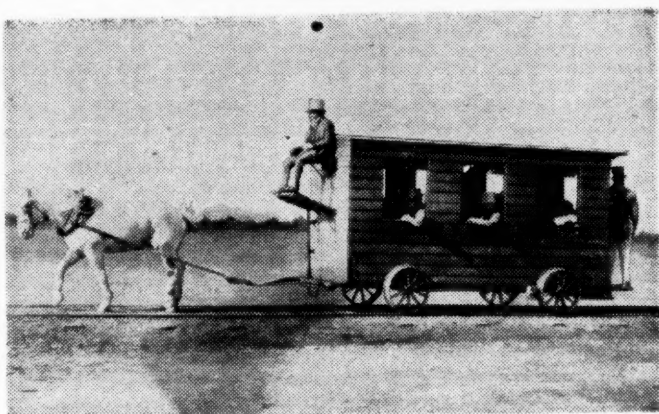
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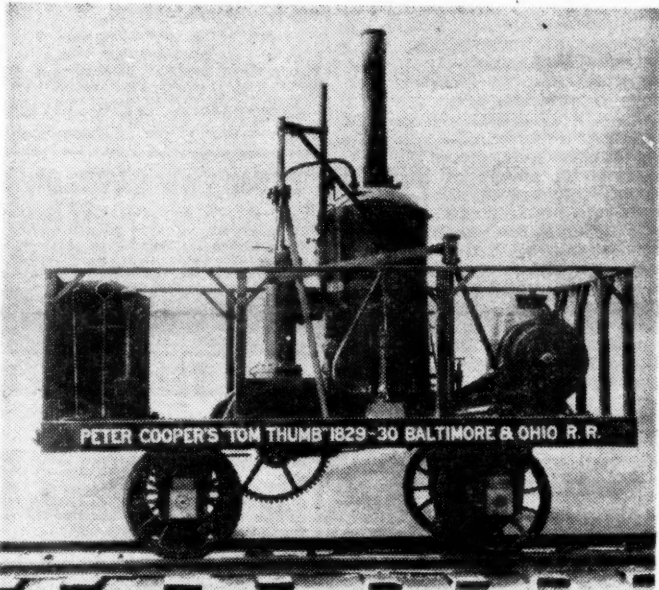
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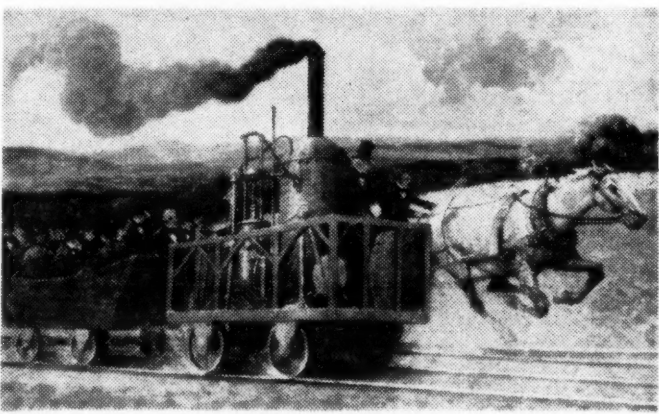
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THE HORSE DRAWN CARS CAME FIRST to the American railroads back in the early 1800's. The rails over which the cars were pulled were in many instances wooden. Later wooden rails with metal strips on top appeared and then the iron rails. Shown above is the Baltimore & Ohio "Pioneer Car" for passenger carrying. Then came the



FIRST AMERICAN BUILT LOCOMOTIVE to be operated as a common carrier, the "Tom Thumb" built by Peter Cooper in 1829. It was given a trial run on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in September of that year. There were some skeptics who doubted the merits of the "iron horse" so they arranged



A RACE BETWEEN THE TOM THUMB AND A HORSE DRAWN CAR. After the horse whipped the locomotive in that race people, some of them, sneered at the steam engine for a while, but as we all know, the "mechanical monster" came into its own with a vengeance.

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Horses Move First Cars On Wooden Rails; Early Steam Lines Carry Mail

With the imminent appearance of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad commemorative on February 28 to mark the 125th anniversary of its original charter, interest once again has been whetted among the philatelic railroaders and their fellow collectors, in railroad history. A great deal of the interest, of course, centers around the accumulation of material to be included in a philatelic write-up, while probably equally as much is brought on by a natural curiosity on the subject. Railroads, the first ones, didn't have iron rails nor steam engines. The forerunners first operated on wooden rails for relatively short distances and received their motive power from horses or mules.

According to the Association of American Railroads which has accumulated a number of interesting facts, the first road on rails in the United States is said to have been a short inclined track used as early as 1795 to convey brick and other clay products from kilns on Beacon Hill, Boston, to a street below.

In 1807 Silas Whitney built a short railway at the same location. The rails were of wood.

In 1809 Thomas Leiper built a tramway to connect his quarry at Crum Creek, Delaware Co., Pa., with tidewater on Ridley Creek. This road is now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Railroads of a similar nature were also built in other of the early years in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Virginia.

Because of the announcement pertaining to the B&O RR stamp and the inscription it bears, it might be gathered that the B&O's was the first charter granted for a railroad in the United States.

However, this is not so. The first charter was obtained in 1815 in the state of New Jersey by John Stevens of Hoboken, to build and operate a steam railroad between the New Jersey towns of New Brunswick and Trenton.

The charter expired without the railroad being built, but the idea did not die, for on March 7, 1823 the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Co., now a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad system, was chartered to build across the state.

Its grand opening was on January 1, 1839, when it began operations between New Brunswick and Trenton.

Thirteen years earlier, in 1826, occurred the formation of the first railway company to build and operate a railroad in the United States. It was the Granite Railway Co., incorporated by the Massachusetts Legislature March

4, 1826, and still in operation.

The Granite Railway, originally of 5-foot gauge and about three miles in length, was built by Gridley Bryant to convey huge blocks and columns of granite from the quarry in Quincy to Milton, on the Neponset River, for use in the construction of Bunker Hill Monument.

It was opened October 7, 1826 with horses supplying the motive power.

Forsaking dobbin, and his cousin the mule, as the moving force on the then existing railroads, we come to the steam locomotive as the prime mover.

The first steam engine to run on rails in America was built by John Stevens in 1825 and was operated on a circular experimental track on his estate at Hoboken, N. J. This engine was never put to practical use.

Of the first four English-built locomotives brought to America, the "Stourbridge Lion" is the only one about which much is known. The "Lion" arrived in New York by sailing vessel on May 13, 1829. Driven by Horatio Allen, the young civil engineer of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., the engine made a trial run at Honesdale, Pa. on August 8, 1829, but it was found to be too heavy for the track and was converted to stationary use.

The first American-built locomotive actually to be operated on a common-carrier railroad in the United States was the "Tom Thumb" an experimental engine built in 1829 by Peter Cooper, iron-master, and given a trial run on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, at Baltimore in September of that year. The "Tom" (Continued on page 11)

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December Plate Number Details

Three cent denominations, commemorative and regular, dominated the news relative to plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the month of December.

Numbers which were assigned to plates during the month of December are as follows:

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24568-9-70-71, 24586-7-8-9.

Presidential 20c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24572-3. Betsy Ross 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 24574-5-6-7-8-9.

4-H Club 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 24580-1-2-3.

Airmail 15c (1947), 200 subject plates, numbered 24584-5.

Also during the month of December a total of eighteen plates were sent to press and printed from. These are:

Presidential 17c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 22985, 23930.

Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24361, 24404-5-6.

Special Delivery 20c, rotary, 200 subject plates, numbered 24552-3.

Betsy Ross 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 24574-5-6-7-8-9.

4-H Club 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 24580-1-2-3.

Twelve plates were cancelled during the month of December. The plate number, stamp and cancellation date are:

23558 — Presidential 20c — 12/7/51.

23594 — Presidential 3c Booklet — 12/7/51.

23595 — Presidential 3c Booklet — 12/7/51.

23708 — Presidential 3c coil — 12/7/51.

23904 — Presidential 20c — 12/7/51.

24179 — Presidential 3c coil — 12/7/51.

24180 — Presidential 3c coil — 12/11/51.

24181 — Presidential 3c coil — 12/11/51.

24220 — Presidential 3c — 12/7/51.

24221 — Presidential 3c — 12/7/51.

24265 — Presidential 3c — 12/4/51.

24266 — Presidential 3c — 12/4/51.

Each of the above plates had a great enough number of impressions so that in no instance should a scarce number develop.

Israel Will Issue 1000 Pruta Regular

"Some time in February" the state of Israel will add a 1000 pruta stamp to its definitive issue. Designed by O. Wallish of Tel Aviv, it depicts the emblems of the twelve tribes with the Menora of the Second Temple in the center.

The colors are to be blue and silver gray, the printing by lithography at the firm of Lewin-Epstein of Bat Yam. Each pane will consist of 20 stamps plus five tabs in the bottom row. The plate number is 38.

Ornamental first day covers bearing the new stamp and the FDC cancellation from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Jaffa, or Haifa will be available at 1020 pruta each (\$2.86 in U. S. currency). Prepaid orders for the cover or for the stamp at face value (\$2.80 U. S.) can be sent to the Philatelic Services, Jerusalem, Israel.

Smithsonian Shows Ship Cancellations

Franklin Bruns, Jr., curator of the stamp collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington is preparing more new exhibition cases of interesting philatelic materials.

The Universal Ship Cancellation Society, through Alfred H. Dowle, director of exhibition participation has cooperated with Mr. Bruns in arranging this unusual exhibit showing model sea-going post offices, models of U. S. Navy vessels and postal markings from the same ships as the models.

The covers and postal markings were loaned to the Smithsonian Institution from the various collections of members of the USCS. Visitors are invited to inspect these displays on weekdays and Sundays from 10 to 4.



Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

WESTERN CATALOGS.

California was the first state to publish its own STATE CATALOG. They have issued supplements and listed additional items in their Bulletin besides. However they feel that a complete new edition is in order and are now working to that end. I think their first edition was released about 1940.

There are ten other Western states that the publishers feel should have a catalog. These are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. Work is started on some and plans laid on others.

Editors have been appointed on most of the above and if any LINN'S readers think they might have some new or unlisted precancels of the above states and would like to contact the STATE editors your column editor will furnish addresses.

\$1.00 DATED

Chas. Metz reports that he has seen a \$1.00 Dated from Chicago, Ill. It was a "M.W. SEP 51", type 57, and on the \$1.00 Prexy. Real fun in hunting the M.W. or SRC dateds.

P.S.S. PUBLICITY

Lady Luck will be given a hand in attracting collectors to precancels if plans of the Precancel Stamp Society mature. The Board of Governors of this progressive organization recently decided to promote their specialty through the creation of a National Publicity Committee.

Precancel editors and columnists now serving most of the stamp press will receive additional material when the new plan takes shape, and additional magazines will be covered. According to Charles R. Defenbaugh, President of the P.S.S. the new group will seek out and encourage many more contributors to submit news items and authentic articles regarding precanceled stamps.

Defenbaugh has appointed regular editors, columnists and additional writers to the following committee:

Harrington Adams, chairman; Rev. John A. Backora; Robert O. Briggs; G. H. Fernald; Major C. C. Fisher; Dr. F. Tulley Hallam; Dr. H. Preston Hoskins; Stephen G. Rich; R. Hugh Trask; Frederick Valentine; and our own Kenneth Gierhart, Linn's expert on precancels.

NEW BUREAU ARRIVALS.

As reported by Klein Bros., Vincennes Ind.:—Van Nuys, Calif. 1c Sheet; Moorestown, N. J. 1c sheet; Albany, N. Y. 17c sheet; Dallas, Texas 5c sheet; (All are Narrow types). The DALLAS item is a long time hold-out. It was shipped in March of 1949.

Seniors, Juniors To Exhibit March 22

Junior and senior members of the Alameda, Calif. Stamp Club are putting the finishing touches on their collections preparatory to placing them on exhibition in the group's fifth annual show.

This is scheduled for March 22 at the Recreation Hall of the Methodist Church, Central Ave. and Oak St., 11 a. m. to 10 p. m.

While the competition will be confined to club members, there will be a number of other outstanding collections entered on a non-competitive basis.

Arthur A. Christensen is the general chairman.

Peninsular State Seal And Cachet

Seal and cacheted envelope orders to be issued for the 14th annual convention of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society at Saginaw, Mich. April 26 and 27 are being taken.

Design for both items shows the Lumbermen's Monument located in the Huron National Forest along the Au Sable River between Oscoda and Tawas, Mich.

Seals are 10c each plus a stamped return envelope, or three for 25c. Cacheted envelopes cancelled on the first day of the exhibition cost 15c or three for 40c. Orders and payment are to be sent to Ralph Werve, P. O. Box 951, Saginaw, Mich.

Italy Produces Columbus Issue

If plans went as scheduled, Italy on January 28 released a thirteen denomination commemorative set for Christopher Columbus which included one airmail.

The regulars will have a total face of 425 Lire and the air 200L. Americana on Postage Stamps topicalists should find several of the stamps of direct appeal to them. There will be a map which includes the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; an early American Colonial scene which pictures the early settlers, Indians and covered wagons; Columbus and his caravels; Columbus and the Statue of Liberty; and a map of the world.

Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City states that there is a possibility of yet two additional stamps, but designs and other details have not been made known.

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Nigeria	.80	1.00	.40	.50	2.10	7.00 7.00
North Borneo	3.60	.80	.40	.75	2.00	7.60 7.60
North Rhodesia	5.00	.80	.40	.70	2.80	7.50 19.50
Nyasaland	1.30	3.20	.40	.60	2.20	7.00 7.00
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St. Kitts	.80	1.40	.40	.50	1.80	6.80 6.80
St. Lucia	5.50	2.00	.40	.60	1.80	6.80 6.80
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A-341	.15	F-782	.05	P-946	.05
A-342	.15	F-783	.05	P-947	.05
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A-346	.10	F-836	.10	P-952	.05
A-347	.05	F-837	.10	P-953	.05
A-348	.05	VF-852	.05	P-954	.05
A-349	.05	F-854	.05	P-955	.05
A-350	.05	VF-924	.05	P-956	.05
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Traffic Safety Slogan Cancels

by J. F. McGee

This is the fifth article I have
written on the subject, the others
also appeared in Linn's. It was
on reading the announcement of
the nation's one millionth traffic
fatality that I was reminded that
the Post Office Department has
not evinced the slightest interest
in my suggestions for the use of
traffic safety slogan postal can-
cels.

The one millionth victim was
Miss Elma Wischmeier of Cleve-
land, Ohio. She was hit by a
truck on December 10, 1951 and
died of her injuries on the 21st.

The one millionth case was com-
puted from 1900 when the first
auto appeared on American
streets and highways, or over a
space of fifty years. With our
increasing and appalling death
rate today, the two millionth fa-
tality will occur in less than
twenty-five years.

This time I am going to let ex-
amples of traffic safety slogan
postal cancels speak for them-
selves. Here is the list compiled
from those I have read, heard and
of my own effort:

"Driving is a full-time job", Col.
Sanders, Nebraska State Safety
Patrol.

"He speeded to an early grave,
never to enjoy the time he saved",
engraved on a tombstone used in
publicity by the Maryland Casual-
ty Co.

"If you speed like lightning
you invite a crash like thunder",
a repeat by an Omaha radio sta-
tion.

What barbaric Killings! 37,500
persons in the U. S. met violent
death in auto mishaps in 1951.

The motor car is part of our
economic system. Yet it also can
be a juggernaut that kills and
maims.

Let death on streets and high-
ways take many holidays in 1952.
Motorists, better a little delay
enroute than not to arrive at all.
Your liability insurance cannot
restore the life of your traffic vic-
tim.

Your first rule on the highway
should be more caution and less
haste.

Remember, pedestrians have
the right of way over auto traffic.
When behind the wheel of a car
do not gamble with your life or
those of others.

Any person or firm is free to
use any of the above traffic safe-
ty slogans.

Catalogs For New England Precancels

Underwriting of precancel cata-
logs for each of the New England
state is under discussion by the
Central New England Precancel
Stamp Club and New Hampshire
will quite possibly be the first
state to be tackled.

At the club meeting January
13, Arthur Billig, chairman of the
finance committee asked for more
time in which to get data as to
costs, but said his committee ap-
proved the matter in principle.

The December general meeting
of the club has also gone on record
to this effect, following a motion
by John H. Boutelle, Nashua,
N. H.

The next all-day Sunday meet-
ing will be at Northampton, Mass.,
February 10, with the Northamp-
ton Stamp Club as host.

SCANNING SCANDINAVIA

Thorsten Ingeloff
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SWEDEN: When the Gothen-
burg chapter of the Swedish Phil-
atelic Association recently cele-
brated its 50th anniversary with
a stamp exhibition and appropri-
ate glamor, it also published a
quite remarkable Jubilee Book
which starts out as it ought by
recording the highspots of the
club's bygone years.

Then following two interesting
articles on collecting for shades
and a treatise detailing how the
progress and final retouch of a
plate defect of a stamp was used
for the chronological classifica-
tion of shades and printing dates.

The piece de resistance how-
ever, is a 45 page summary by
member Wockatz of the method
and results of his plating the
Sweden, Scott No. 8 (with refer-
ence also to the related numbers
1 to 16) by the little irregularities
of the perforation.

The described method is most
convincing and opens a wide ap-
proach in general for the plat-
ing of old issues perforated by
machines not of modern preci-
sion, and corresponding easy dis-
tinction of printing chronology.

The booklet is photo-printed
in Swedish on 122 pages, bound
in heavy paper covers and obtain-
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commems.

SWEDEN: Stockholm, the cap-
ital, is this year celebrating the
700th year of its founding.

To mark the event the Postal
Administration has promised a
set of stamps, details of which
have not as yet been released.

NORWAY: As previously re-
ported several postal rates were
increased October 1. These in-
clude the foreign letter rate from
45 ore to 55 ore. As a consequence,
the previous 55 ore orange will
have a color change to blue,
sometime this month to conform
to the UPU regulations in respect
to colors.

SWEDEN: For Christmas de-
corations a multitude, of all kinds
of small things are made from
straw, from tiny angels and cocks
to full size goats.

A Christmas star of this kind
is depicted on the 1951-1952
Christmas seal which came in
two varieties. In sheets, the seal
was perforated 12; in booklets
perforated 11.

NORWAY: The Red Cross
Christmas seal depicts the na-



tion's flag, a ski slide, and Prince
Harald, heir apparent to the
throne, in skiing costume.

SWEDEN: Now in preparation
is a set of two memorial stamps
to be released April 19 the 400th
anniversary of the death of the
man they are to commemorate.
He is Olaus Petri.

One of the denominations will
probably be a 25 ore correspond-
ing to the inland single letter
rate. As of the date of this writ-
ing, the second value is not
known.

Olaus Petri, together with his
brother Laurentius Andreea, were
prominent in the movement of
introducing the Lutheran Church
into Sweden by King Gustav
Vasa.

Petri also organized the work
and participated in the transla-
tion of the Holy Bible. This was
later presented to the king an
event which has been noted phil-
atelically in 1941 with the set of
stamps Scott-listed as 316 to 318.
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picture of the reformer, an al-
legory will probably be used for
the stamp design. There is also
the possibility that it might re-
produce a statue erected some
years ago to "Olaus Petri, The
Preacher."

SWEDEN: After a couple of
years of non-existence the Swed-
ish Ship Post Offices ("angbats
p x p" or "abxp") were officially
announced discontinued at the
end of 1951. That concludes 100
years of operation.

On board the little coastal
steamer "Uddevalla" plying be-
tween Eddevall and Gothenburg
a semiofficial, rectangular-shaped
handstamp was placed in use in
1851 for the mail handled aboard.
But it was not until 1869 that
fully official ship post offices
were organized.

The first one appeared on the
Dalsland Canal steamer "Laxen"
("The Salmon"). Since that time
all the cancelling stamps have
been circular of sundry types, at
first with the name of the route
(as "Dalsland Canal"), or the
name of the ship (as "Motalla
Strom"). Later they came with
the postal number of the route
and inscribed, for example, as
"Angbats P x P No. 4" or "AB
XP 180" (steam boat post office).

The development and import-
ance of this postal service can be
judged by the following statistics:
In 1869 there was only one
ship post office—

In 1870 eighteen were added—
By the end of 1872 there were
39 all told—

And in 1895 the all time maxi-
mum of 160 was reached—
By 1934 they had dwindled to
74—

And now there are none, and
another chapter of Swedish postal
history is closed.

SWEDEN: With the printing
ended for some of the postage
stamps the total quantities in
which they were printed might
be of interest.

Design—"King Gustav to the
right"

5 ore orange, #391, 156,038,200
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Design—"Polhem" commemo-

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"U.N." (3)	.18
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Opportunity Is Knocking

Never before has Philately had the opportunity to sell itself to the public in so easy a manner as today. It is regrettable that there has been no sound effort on the part of organized Philately to promote the hobby as it should be promoted. No hobby of any kind has so many good points as stamp collecting. It is needless to try to enumerate them and to dwell upon them in an article such as this. The facts are self evident to any Philatelist capable of thinking in a rational manner. What has been done therefore to promote our hobby and to make it even bigger and better than it is today? Little or nothing except to cater to the acknowledged stamp collector. The tyro, the new man or the general public are utterly ignored and left to shift for themselves. For years past we who understand our hobby, we who have spent many years of activity as Philatelists know quite well that the hobby is a wonderful one. We know also that stamp collecting has been recommended by reputable physicians as a tonic for a tired mind. We know also that Philately is a hobby that can give pleasure and entertainment to anyone who gets wrapped up in it. Now we learn that large corporations are acknowledging the fact that their workers must be given more consideration than in the past. We know that in most of the bigger corporations that there is a retirement age, that the elderly worker is pensioned and removed from his job. We know also and these big corporations know that the best employee is that one who has some active interest in life that permits him to live a normal life without dissipation of his idle time and without worry over the future.

Before me at present is a page taken from the December 22 issue of Business Week. This magazine features Hobbies for workers. The caption on the article is "To Retire Happily, Get a Hobby First." It is stated that Pitney-Bowes and Lockheed hope to ease the abrupt shift to inactive life, by encouraging outside interests. We in the stamp world know that within several large organizations in cities all across the country, there are stamp clubs whose membership is limited to the employees of such organizations. We should realize that with big business backing up such hobby clubs that it is high time that Philately should organize so that it could promote Philately through these large corporations.

We can not quote the entire article that we refer to but we want to quote the first paragraph which has the punch and the real fact in it so that you who should seek to promote Philately can know that you are being called upon for help.

"Develop a hobby early, and chances are you'll get a lot more enjoyment from retiring at 65. That's the advice the experts are giving these days. And it is the theory that a number of companies are following in setting up retirement programs for their employees."

That paragraph should be sufficient for the promoters of our hobby to work on. It is to be regretted that those who would profit most from such promotion lack the organization to do the things that could be done to help make Philately the hobby that a lot of these people would select.

The UN Stamp Scandal

We say scandal because we think it nothing less than scandalous that a great many people who have sent money in good faith after being solicited to do so can neither get the stamps they sent their money for, they can not get their money back and they can not even get a reply to letters of inquiry. Our previous editorial on this situation has brought several more letters all of which corroborate the things we previously said. We even have names mentioned in some of them and charges made which we know nothing about, but if things are like we are led to believe we can not understand why some good New York Stamp columnist has not dug into the mess and printed the story before this. It will be a scoop for the man who does and it needs to be done.

About Air Mail Covers

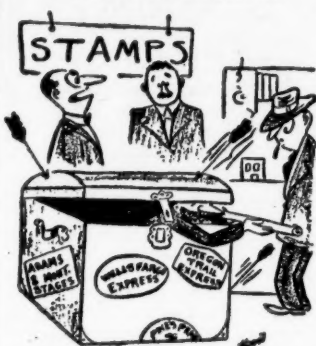
A correspondent puts us clear on values on First Flight Air Covers. Says this man, the catalogue is priced at double the acknowledged value of the covers because stamp collectors all feel they should buy at a discount of about 50%. So if a cover is priced at \$1.00 it is recognized as being about a 50c cover. Then too the price is based on a cover of the standard 6 3/4 size, properly and fully postmarked, backstamped and cacheted. Any other cover is worth but a fraction. Well that helps some, for if we have a \$5.00 cover we can call it a \$2.50 cover and feel better satisfied.

Congressman Condemns Commemoratives

Congressman William Henry Harrison, Representative from Wyoming thinks the P. O. D. should quit issuing commemorative stamps as they cost too much to produce. Mr. Harrison thinks we collectors would be able to get along without these special stamps until the nation is on a more stable footing.

We have a letter from a Washington, D. C. collector who also is an employee of the government. This man says he would like to tell off this Congressman but if he did so the Congressman would merely have to write a letter and he would be fired from his job. It seems that Congressmen must have a lot of power, but it seems to be in the wrong place. If this man Harrison wants to save money for the Government let him get busy and stop all this theft by Internal Revenue Collectors and by others who are selling Government wheat and charging storage on it after it is sold. Pettiness is something anyone can develop, but we need to go after the big fellows rather than knock the commemorative stamp for these stamps do make money for the Government and thus should not be condemned by a man such as Mr. Harrison.

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Additional Facts On M. Galvez Firm

Following the recent death of M. Galvez of Madrid, Spain we printed a news item concerning his stamp firm. We have learned that some of what we stated was in error. The following is said to be correct.

The first M. Galvez in the stamp business was a Miguel Galvez, born in 1865 in Loja (Granada) and settled in Madrid in 1885 where he entered the military service for three years and during this time became an ardent stamp collector. In 1895 he married dona Josefa Rodriguez Lopez whose father Leopold Lopez was one of the oldest stamp dealers in the world, having started business as a stamp dealer in Madrid in 1868.

Mr. Lopez accumulated a vast stock of stamps which he kept in his small shop and in later years he sold this stock to Julius Goldner of Hamburg, Germany.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding over this sale for Mr. Lopez was quite surprised when after Mr. Goldner had removed the stamps from the shop he tendered the keys back to Mr. Lopez. Lopez had been of the idea that he had sold the stamps, and the shop as well and did not expect anything in return. Mr. Goldner however stated that he was interested only in the stamps so he returned the keys to the shop.

It was at this time that the Mr. Lopez offered the shop to his new son-in-law Miguel Galvez and this was the year of the foundation of the firm of M. Galvez who retired in 1920 and left the business in the hands of his son Manuel Galvez who is now head of the firm.

Manuel is the second generation and has no male children. Whether there will be a third generation of Galvez to continue this great firm is a question that only Manuel Galvez can answer.

Reeves Will Lecture To Women Collectors

Shortly after the first of the year the Chicago Woman's Stamp Club chose new officers for 1952. Elected president was Grace Nordquist. Other officers are vice president Shirley Stuart; treasurer Alice DeBeyer; and secretary Ghislane Rombout, 2110 N. Kedzie Ave., Apt. 1, Chicago 47, Ill.

Meetings to which interested women collectors are invited are held in the Rotary Room of the Toffenetti Restaurant, 65 W. Monroe St., at 8 p. m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

On February 8, Ben Reeves well known collector and expert of Chicago will speak to the club on the subject "Can 20th Century Stamp Collecting Be Interesting?" Memorial services at a December meeting were held in honor of a former president of the club, Cora Blodgett who died in that month.

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The 36 stamps in the 1952 issue were the work of three noted nature artists—Roger Tory Peterson, best known for his illustrated "Field Guide to the Birds" and more recently as author of "Wildlife in Color"; Francis Lee Jaques, for many years staff artist of the American Museum of Natural History; and Leslie Ragon, one of America's foremost travel-poster artists.

The subjects depicted in the colorful stamp include 14 birds, all painted by Peterson and ranging from the common tree-swallow and friendly Carolina wren to the austere snowy owl and lapland longspur of the far North. Peterson also contributed a painting of a frequently-heard but seldom-seen creature—the green tree frog of the southern states—and another of the beautiful zebra swallowtail butterfly.

Twelve paintings by Jaques appear. They include five fishes, two trees, and five mammals, ranging from dramatic portrayals of the mountain goat and fierce cougar to the popular raccoon and strange kangaroo rat.

Ragon's assignment was wild flowers. His portrayal, reflecting his mastery of poster art, include the holly, hedgehog cactus, slim larkspur, golden aster, red willowweed, false foxglove, turtlehead and pearly everlasting.

More than 400 species of American wildlife have been portrayed by leading artists in the National Wildlife Federation stamps since the series was started in 1938. The stamps are the means by which the non-profit

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By CARL P. RUETH

It is surprising in view of the fact that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of West Point as the United States Military Academy that no commemorative stamp is to appear. At least none seems planned for the event.

West Point, of course, was a military vantage point and depot long before its becoming a school for educating of men for officers in the army.

During the revolution it was a stronghold of the Colonial Forces commanding the Hudson River above New York City. It was realized that should it have fallen to the British the Revolutionary forces might have suffered a blow from which they might not have recovered.

There was a strong iron chain stretched across the river here to Constitution Island. In 1779 it was the headquarters of the commander in chief of the Continental Army.

In 1780 it was commanded by Major General Benedict Arnold who tried to betray it to the British. On the disbandment of the army at the close of the Revolution, West Point was designated as one of the depots for the storage of military property.

In 1802 the Corps of Engineers was created to be stationed at West Point and to constitute a military academy. While I have no means of checking the actual date of its becoming such, I understand it is March 16.

I believe we should have a stamp—it certainly is a good subject of national interest with a valid anniversary. But then again, the Academy "brass" might feel that it has gotten enough publicity with the summary expulsion of approximately ninety cadets who were said to have been cribbing in the exams.

1. Which was the first U. S. postage stamp on which a soldier was pictured?
2. The Army Issue of five stamps in 1936-7 bore portraits of the following:—George Washington, Nathaniel Green, Andrew Jackson, Winfield Scott, William T. Sherman, Ulysses S. Grant, Philip H. Sheridan, Robert E. Lee, and "Stonewall" Jackson. All were officers. Which of them attended West Point?

Robert E. Anderson of Midland, Mich. discovered an interesting item in the latest edition of the Webster Collegiate Dictionary. It is about the Honorable Discharge Emblem pictured on the "Veterans of World War II" issue released May 9, 1946.

The emblem has long been known by its wearers and the general public as the "ruptured duck." That designation is now carried in the dictionary as a nickname for it.

Certainly there are few if any of Linn's esteemed family of readers who get around more than Capt. Charles E. Milbury. Capt. Milbury is an author, top notch stamp and cover collector and a fellow with a big size heart when it comes to doing things for his fellow stamp fans.

Some of you will remember him for originating the "Sea Jug Post" when his ship was on a coastal run from Texas to the New England area. In a collision at the entrance to the Cape Cod Ship Canal his ship was sunk, and with it went the equipment and the means to continue with the Sea Jug doings.

He has since taken a ship on a Mediterranean run and return. Then from Seattle to Pusan, Korea to Japan and return to the United States. On that latter

trip he sent the few collectors whose names he had some very interesting sea mail covers.

Capt. Milbury has offered to do this for more of our readers. He suggests using the standard 6 1/2" size envelopes, white paper. Type or clearly write the name of the person who is to receive the cover near the lower right hand corner. Add a 3c stamp for surface mail. Inside place a light stuffer, and then either seal, or turn the flap in. And do write in the address, "United States of America", not just U.S.A.

There is no charge for this accommodation, and you can place a reasonable quantity of covers to be serviced in his hands. But I believe he would appreciate a few mint commemoratives for his willingness to serve, although he has never mentioned it.

Send all material to Capt. C. E. Milbury, 905 Lake Shore Dr., Collingswood, N. J.

Stephen G. Flynn, who gives evidence of being pretty much on the ball as far as reading and remembering what appears in this column, caught on when I wrote January 21 that the Civil Engineers commemo was just as appropriate as the Chemical, Poultry, Brooklyn and similar issues.

He wrote, "I believe the Civil Engineers are an equal to the Chemical, Doctors, Banker, and of course, more important than Poultry and nothing should be mentioned in the same breath with the Brooklyn."

"May I ask you to express your opinion in your column as to what's wrong with any of these worthwhile associations and/or societies when they reach a healthy birthday and a stamp is issued in their behalf?"

As some of you long time readers know, I have expressed myself on such stamps. I have always made it quite clear that I have nothing against such organizations, and that I wish them well.

My premise is that if you are going to honor the Engineers and the Doctors and so on, then the Plumbers, Bricklayers, Bakers et al are just as worthy and deserving. They too are earning an honorable and honest living and adding to the national welfare and progress.

I also do not believe it fitting to issue stamps for odd anniversaries. Unless the subject is so universally outstanding that recognition philatelically cannot be argued, I would say that anything under a 100th anniversary should be passed over.

If the Post Office Department honors several segments of the population, then it can be severely criticised for not recognizing all. And there just are not that many stamps issued to do it.

Folks down in Mobile, Ala. are still after a commem to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of their city, and they would like to have it on July 1.

Mobile, you know, was capital of the huge Louisiana Territory. It was the first colonial capital in America, from Quebec south, to be built without fortified walls or enclosure.

What defenses there were protected them from the French and not from the neighboring Indians, the Movilians, with whom they were friends.

Historically the city is well qualified for a stamp.

Dorman E. Richardson of Toledo, Ohio believes that the Red Cross commemo promised for later this year is intended to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Red Cross.

Red Cross people wanted the stamp to appear during March when the annual drive for funds is in progress.

The New York City post office did more business in 1951 than many independent nations points out Joseph Barkman of East Tawas, Mich.

Total receipts from the sale of stamps and stamped paper amounted to \$178,682,782 which is 8 1/2 million dollars more than the previous high year. Included

in the figures is the business of Manhattan, the Bronx and the town of Pelham.

While last year's postal sales amounted to seventeen times what it was in 1900, the population has increased about 2 1/2 times since that year.

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By next week all the ballots will have been totaled in the Fourth Annual Design Derby. This column will be mostly devoted to the thoughts and things a number of you included with your voting.

1. The 10c 1847 which pictures George Washington.
2. All were West Pointers except Andrew Jackson, Winfield Scott, George Washington and Nathaniel Green.

Produces Price List U. S. Issues

A price list which collectors of U. S. can use also as a simple catalog and check list of their holdings has been produced by the Colonial Stamp Shop, Saugerties, N. Y.

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THERE IS A MUSEUM IN PORTUGAL devoted to the display of nothing else but coaches of all kinds and descriptions. Located in Lisbon it has representative types of vehicles from the early days of coach transportation to modern times. On January 8, Portugal issued a set of "Coach" stamps on which are displayed four royal coaches of bygone days, two stamps to a design. The 10c violet and 90c green picture a 16th century coach; the 20c brown and 150c red brown one with a 19th century vintage; the 50c blue green and 1540 magenta one of the 18th century; and the 1500 orange and 2530 blue, another of the 18th century. The above first day cover was received from D. J. Duarte, Lisbon, Portugal.

Israel Rate Changes Bring New Regulars

Israel has had postal rate changes which are to be met with new stamps in the definitive series. In the coinage design will appear 20, 35, 40, 45, 60 and 85 pruta denominations with a face value of 80c in U. S. currency.

Two postage dues are also to be added to current stocks of 15 and 40 pruta. They have a face value of 16c.

The above will be issued gradually during the months of February and March.

No first day covers will be provided by the Israel Postal Services. Collectors may however receive any of the above on white envelopes postmarked on the first day of issue at 6c for the envelope, plus the face value of the stamps to be affixed.

Orders for the stamps at face (plus return postage) and/or first day covers, and remittance are to be sent to Philatelic Services, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Jerusalem, Israel.

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The Elmira, N. Y. Stamp Club and the Erin Historical Society have joined again in the promotion of a series of three cacheted covers to be postmarked March 17, St. Patrick's Day, in Erin, N. Y. Selling price is ten cents per cover which includes the cacheted envelope, the stamp, addressing and a stuffer.

Since it is legal according to tradition to make everyone an Irishman on that day names will be given an Irish slant, such as Smith becoming O'Smith. If this is not wanted purchasers should bring this to the attention of the cover committee.

Payment and names to be affixed to the envelopes are to be sent to Thomas A. Banfield, 223 Crete Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

Spellman Collection At Denver Exhibition

One of the feature attractions at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition will be the showing of selected pages from the Religion on Stamps collections of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York City.

The show will be staged in the Albany Hotel from February 22 to 24.

Former Monmouth Club Prexy Dies

Herbert W. Hill, 80, Red Bank, N. J. died January 18 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Hill was quite active in a number of civic and fraternal affairs, and especially so in philatelic matters.

For a number of years he was president of the Monmouth County, N. J. Philatelic Society, being one of a small group which built the club from twenty to over 300 members.

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Scarce Material In Serebrakian Sale

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Denominations represented are the 1, 2, 3, and 12 cents, and all are in superb condition with fresh color.

The sale will consist of approximately 400 United States lots. There are many intact collections as well as Columbians, Trans-Mississippi's, one-cent Pan-American invert, first day covers, including some with presidential signatures and others bearing autographs of well known personages. There are also some pioneer flight items of Wilbur Wright, Glenn Curtis, Perry and Lindbergh.

Airmails will be well represented in the sale with over 500 lots, embracing many unique items. Particular interest centers about the Honduras first issues, Brazil, Colombia (including Scadt's), Liberia, and the Amelia Earhardt issue of Mexico. The catalog also includes two items which, until today, were unknown and are probably unique—the Belgium 5 Franc C4 with double impression and the Trieste NC20 in a pair, one stamp without overprint.

In the British Empire section there are rarities of the 19th and 20th Centuries along with specialized collections, collections by country, and a collection of 10,000 different.

A dealer stock is being offered intact as are hundreds of other lots of special interest to the trade.

Possibly for the first time in auction history, the Serebrakian sale will offer kilo lots, selected through governments and missions. The material represented is mainly European.

Catalogues for this sale are now being distributed to interested collectors and dealers, without cost, by S. Serebrakian, 220 W. 87th St., N. Y. 24.

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BRITISH WEST INDIES. A reader of this column has been making a study of the B.W.I. stamps, working with Gibbons and the Commonwealth Catalogues. He is interested in starting a study club and would like to hear from collectors of these stamps.

If you are interested in forming such a study club, contact H. Cook, 1270 Fort St., Apt. 4, Montreal 25, Canada.

BRUNEL. It is officially announced that the release date of the Brunel new definitive issue of 14 values will be February 15 and not February 1 as previously announced.

BAHAMAS. In the August 21, 1950 issue this column advised that printing had been ordered for two new colors, a two pence green and a three pence red.

After 17 months it is now announced that the 3 pence in new color will be released on February 1.

The current 3 pence blue stamp will be withdrawn at the close of business January 31.

SUEZ. The Wallace Bulletin states that the recent trouble in the Suez Canal area has drawn attention to the four stamps issued by the Suez Canal Company 83 years ago.

The stamps were printed in Paris and were in use for only a few weeks before being withdrawn and genuine used specimens of all but the 20 centimes are as rare as hen's teeth. Even the 20 centimes used is quite scarce. Unused the 20c is fairly common and several complete sheets are known to exist.

Of the other values the 1c is scarcest followed by the 40c and the 5c. Many forgeries of these stamps exist but most of them can be detected by a simple test.

On genuine stamps the shading between the lower part of the oval frame enclosing the center and the tablet containing the word "POSTES" consist of vertical and horizontal lines. On most forgeries the shading is vertical only.

Forgeries which show the vertical and horizontal lines can be recognized by the brownish paper (the genuine is always white) and by the shiny gum. Many forgeries were provided with "Postmarks" and genuine stamps with forged cancellations.

Nearly all genuine Suez postmarks are in the French "Rhomboid of dots" with four figures in the center: 5129 for Port Said or 5105 for Suez. A few genuine specimens have been found bearing the rhomboid of dots in blue and without numbers in the center.

Stamps with circular or oval postmarks can be discarded as fakes. The genuine stamps were printed on paper watermarked in the sheet LA/F. Stamps with part of the watermark are very scarce and a real rarity.

ST. HELENA. The three pence ultramarine stamp No. 122 is evidently overpriced by Scott at \$7.50.

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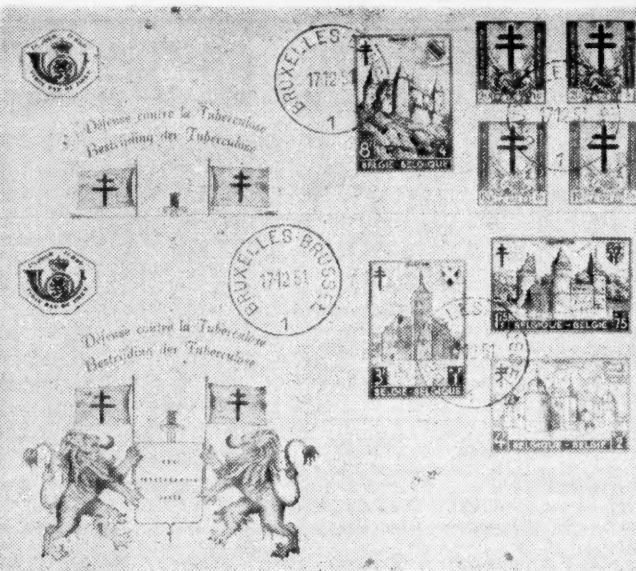
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BELGIUM'S ANNUAL ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SEMIPOSTALS were issued on December 17 in a set of eight stamps. Four of them were of the "regular" postage size having a design in which the Cross of Lorraine symbol of anti-TB work is plunged into a dragon. Denominations and colors for the four are 20c plus 5c orange, 65c plus 10c purple, 90c plus 10c black and 1.20fr plus 30c violet. In the larger size are two in vertical and two in horizontal format picturing Belgian castles. The 1.75fr plus 75c in brown pictures Beersel; 3fr plus 1fr olive, Horst; 4fr plus 2fr blue, Lavaux St. Anne; and 8fr plus 4fr dark gray, Veves. The covers above are shown through the courtesy of Marcel Poisson-Massart, Antwerp, Belgium.



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AUSTRIA—To collect funds for Austrian participation in this year's Olympic Games, a semi-postal stamp of 2.40 plus 60gr. value will appear January 22, to be valid after January 26, according to the Mercury Stamp Company.

The design features a laurel branch superimposed on the five Olympic circles.

BARBADOS—According to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, four stamps have been ordered from Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., portraying George VI and a replica of one of the first stamps.

The values and descriptions are: 3c Prussian blue border, and ½d 1852 in green; 4c with carmine border and 1d of 1852 in blue; 12c green border and 2d 1852 in grayish-slate; and 24c with black border and 4d 1852 in brownish-red.

CANADA—Whitfield King notes that Plate 1 of the Royal Visit stamp cracked and a new Plate 3 has been made.

CEYLON—The 35c "Star Orchid" postage stamp will appear February 1 and the 5 and 15c Ceylon Colombo Plan Exhibition values on February 16.

EGYPT—A 50p stamp in the redrawn King Farouk design has been issued.

FRANCE—Red Cross Stamps and two postage values have been issued. The first two are the 12 plus 3fr, showing Royal Child at Prayer, after Le Maitre, and 15 plus 5 fr, Nicole Richard, after Quentin de Latour.

The postage values are the 40fr (Pic du Midi de Bigorre) and 50fr (Apse of St. Etienne-Abbave aux Hommes in Caen).

GERMANY—Eastern Zone—A 12pf blue, depicting Russian and German workers, has been released, according to Ernest Rietschel.

PORTUGUESE INDIA—Nine stamps are to mark the 3rd centenary of the birth of Father Jose Vaz. Values here will be 1, 2, and 3 reis, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 12 tangas.

ROMANIA—A 10 lei stamp is to be issued in sepi, marked Pavel Teacenco, "hero of the working class," who was arrested and assassinated in 1926.

VATICAN CITY—A special issue marking the first of the old Roman States stamp has been forecast.

NORPEX 1952 At Edgewater Beach

This year's North Shore Philatelic Society's NORPEX is the 18th annual and like many of its predecessors it will be staged in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. It will be open from February 22 to 24.

The full maximum 175 frames have been pledged by collectors with a number of most interesting displays promised, while the dealers occupying the twenty bourse tables should have a wide variety of offerings in all categories.

John Rahberger, 3836 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill., club president, is also chairman of the affair. Inquiries can be addressed to him.

H-Bomb Plant Brings On Cachet

When a new atomic H-Bomb Plant gets into the construction stage in the very near future near Augusta, Ga. the 200,000 acres it will occupy will mean the elimination of three existing communities all of which presently have post offices.

The towns are Ellenton, Myers Mill, and Dunbarton, S. C.

A cachet will be produced for the last day of these offices. Prepared covers containing a stuffer, and a name and address as well as a 3c stamp are to be sent to the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Augusta, Ga.

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Informative Catalog For Israel Issues

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Irish Collectors Meet February 19

Collectors interested in the stamps and philatelic material of Ireland are invited to the next meeting of the Eire Philatelic Association. It is to be held at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.

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Occupying a full page of the paper were a number of pictures showing members of the Decatur Stamp Club with pages and other material from their album. A ample amount of descriptive reading matter accompanied the photos.

Decatur will be host to the Tri-State Federation of Stamp Clubs April 26 and 27 with a convention and exhibition.

Five Clubs Sponsor Denver Exhibition

Five stamp clubs of the Denver, Colorado area are cooperating in the presentation of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition at the Albany Hotel, Denver, February 22 to 24.

They are the Cherrilyn Stamp Club, Collectors Club of Denver, Denver Masonic Stamp Club, Denver Stamp Club and the Rocky Mountain Stamp Club.

There are to be four general classes of exhibits and one for juniors. Entries will also be able to compete for an SPA Research Award.

Prospective exhibitors can apply to Tony Cifka, c/o A. E. Pade, 1641 Stout St., Denver 2, Colo.

Topical Convention At Johnstown, Pa.

First international convention and exhibition of the American Topical Association is to be held at Johnstown, Pa. from June 20 to 22 in the Fort Stanwix Hotel.

Co-hosts for the meet are the Johnstown Stamp Club, the Johnstown Junior Stamp Club and the Johnstown Hobby Club.

Various units of the ATA are expected to have group meetings among them being the Biological, Casey Jones Railroad, Americana, UN, Sports and Music.

Displays at the exhibition will be confined strictly to topicals, with the exception of a government exhibit which will not be entered for competition. Three trophy awards and other prizes are to be given to winning exhibitors. All entries will receive a participation certificate.

Copies of the prospectus can be gotten from the general chairman, Homer L. Jones, 1344 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

Bay City Club To Have March Exhibition

The Essex Philatelic Society will hold its third annual exhibition and banquet in Bay City, Michigan on March 22 and 23, 1952. One of the features again of the show will be the collection for stamps for wounded veterans who are still hospitalized. Any stamp collector can help

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Pennsylvania, the great Quaker State—the state that was founded in a search for common brotherhood and friendship—rates second in the number of 1c Defense errors produced. The latest tabulation of finds of errors has established that at least 600 1c pairs and 300 1c blocks were found in the following Pennsylvania post offices: Erie, Meadville, Harrisburg, Reading, Williamsport and Pittsburgh. As readers of this series of articles know, the largest concentration of 1c errors was in and around Birmingham, Ala., where 1,000 pairs and 500 blocks were reported.

With the exception of the Erie errors, the circumstances surrounding the Pennsylvania discoveries have not been too well established. The post offices and the approximate number of errors found in each case have been pretty thoroughly checked, but individuals who shared in the original finds have not been reached.

Take, for example, the Pittsburgh story. A few 1c errors got into the hands of collectors there in July 1942. The postmaster, so the report goes, promptly ordered the "imperfect" stamps withdrawn from sale. He is said to have ordered a close check of all Defense stamp stock and to have found a "considerable number" of sheets that were not perforated completely between.

The word got around that the postmaster was going to send the "imperfect" sheets back to Washington for a credit or replacement. In the meantime, one of the stamp clerks phoned Adam K. Bert, long-time Pittsburgh stamp dealer and told him about the situation. Mr. Bert went into action very promptly. In some manner he was able to buy some of these complete sheets of the 1c Defense bearing the error.

When Mr. Bert was interviewed in person a few years ago at a Cleveland stamp convention, he acknowledged that he had shared in the 1c Defense errors in Pittsburgh. He said he had been allowed to buy "a few complete sheets." He also said that he did not know whether the Pittsburgh postmaster had returned any sheets to Washington to be destroyed.

From time to time since then, Mr. Bert has advertised for sale a complete sheet of the 1c Defense, showing either an imperf pair or an imperf block.

He offered the writer such a complete sheet, showing an imperf block, for \$45 in 1946 and the following year when the correspondence was resumed, Mr. Bert wrote: "I have torn up everything I had in the part-perfs except one fine 1c sheet which I had put aside on a layaway sale. But the buyer failed to come through and I am now offering it for sale at \$50." This was a sheet bearing an imperforate block.

Best estimates are that approximately 100 pairs and 50 blocks of the 1c Defense errors were discovered at Pittsburgh.

The same number of 1c errors is believed to have been found at Harrisburg where an individual "close to the post office" cornered the find and sold the stamps to the two men who were most active among the dealers in merchandising them: George E. McCabe of Troy, Pa., and Herman Herst, Jr. of Shrub Oak, N. Y.

In Reading, Pa. approximately 80 pairs and 20 blocks were reported found and these were promptly sold to Mr. McCabe and Mr. Herst. George E. Pettengill, of Ardmore, Pa., also shared in the Reading find. J. O. Hammerle found 30 pairs of the 1c error at Williamsport, Pa., and sold them to Mr. McCabe.

Additional information about these Pennsylvania finds will be welcomed and will be compiled and collated for the future use and information of stamp collectors and, particularly, U. S. specialists.

The second largest discovery of 1c errors at a single post office is believed to have occurred in Wichita, Kan. in July, 1942. Irving Gordon, of New York, a traveling wholesale stamp dealer, visited in Wichita about the time the original find was made. He said that Mr. C. A. Price, a Wichita stamp dealer, was in on the "ground floor," and cleared "out most of the errors. It has been impossible to verify this fact or secure other information about the Wichita errors from Mr. Price.

However, it is definitely known that "the Army" also got in on the Wichita find. In the early fall of 1942, an Army major driving eastward from Wichita stopped in Flint, Mich., one night and visited dealer Glenn Holstine. In

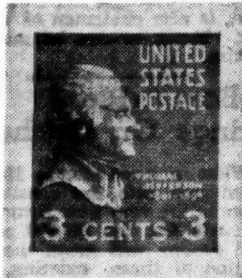
the course of their dealings that night, the Army major brought out a full pad of 100 1c sheets, each sheet containing at least one pair, and sold these to Mr. Holstine.

From other sources, fragmentary information on the Wichita find has come forth from time to time. It is believed that a part of the 1c errors found there got out to the West Coast in the form of complete sheets and these have been merchandised from time to time by a San Francisco dealer.

It is estimated that the Wichita post office produced some 400 1c pairs and at least 150 1c blocks. The number of both pairs and blocks might be more or less. The writer is open to proof and will welcome correspondence from anyone knowing about this bonanza, or any other Defense find, for that matter.

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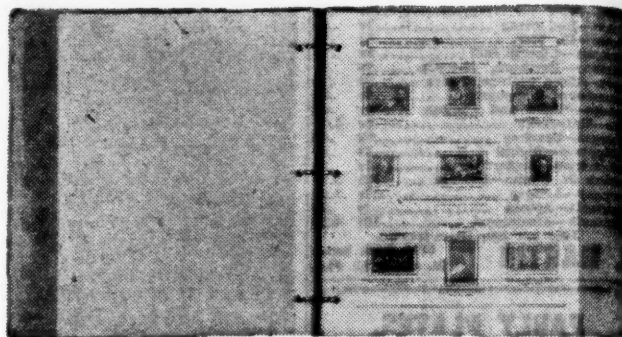
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B. & O. RAILROAD

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Thumb" will appear in the design of the stamp.

It was the Tom Thumb which engaged in a now famous race with a horse-drawn car which "dobbins and car" won hands down.

The first locomotive to be placed in regular service on any American railroad, and the first to haul a train of cars was the "Best Friend of Charleston" built at the West Point Foundry, New York. It was placed in service on the South Carolina Railroad, now the Southern, at Charleston, S. C. Christmas Day, December 25, 1830.

The "York" built by Phineas Davis, York, Pa. was tried out on the B&O July 12, 1831 and was placed in service in Baltimore shortly thereafter.

First of the railroads to serve as a public conveyor of passengers and freight was the Baltimore & Ohio. The first revenue passen- gers were carried on January 7, 1830. It was opened for regular freight and passenger traffic between Baltimore and Ellicott's Mills, Md., a distance of about 13 miles, on May 24, 1830. Horses were originally used for the motive power.

The first common carrier rail- road operating with steam power was the South Carolina Railroad, now a part of the Southern Rail- way System. Having completed six miles of its line from Char- leston formal opening of the rail- road inaugurating regular service took place on December 25, 1830 after trains of four or five passenger cars had made trial trips on December 14 and 15.

In the early stages of their de- velopment both the B&O and the South Carolina Railroads tried cars equipped with sails, and also with treadmills driven by horses. It is reported that the strange contrivance tried out by the B&O was condemned after it had been derailed by a wandering cow.

It is interesting to note that one of the famed men of early American history, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence as well, was identified with rail-

way history of long ago.

He is Charles Carroll of Car- rollton. On July 24, 1828, at 91 years of age, this only living signer of the Declaration partici- pated in the historic ceremony of the laying of the first stone in the construction of the B&O RR at Baltimore, Md.

The Revolutionary patriot de- livered a speech at that time in which he said, "I consider this among the most important acts of my life; second only to my signing the Declaration of Independ- ence, if even it be second to that."

Mail carrying on the rails oc- curred almost from the very be- ginning. The first known instance of the U. S. Mail being transport- ed by rail occurred on the South Carolina Railroad extending west- ward from Charleston in Novem- ber 1831.

On or about January 1, 1832 the B&O began carrying mail be- tween Baltimore and Frederick, Md. Shortly after the opening of the latter railroad between Bal- timore and Washington in 1835 a car was fitted with a compart- ment for carrying the United States mails between the two cit- ies.

By 1840 railroads had begun to provide special space and facili- ties for the handling of mail en route, and the "American Rail- road Journal" reported in 1845 that they were furnishing space "expressly fitted for the accom- odation of the mail, and for the assortment of letters and papers on the road."

A car equipped for sorting mail en route, as an experimental service designed to speed up the overland mail, was operated on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Rail- road, now a part of the Burling- ton, in 1862.

On August 28, 1864 the first permanent Railway Post Office car for picking up, sorting and distributing mail en route was placed in operation by the Chi- cago and Northwestern on a run from Chicago to Clinton, Iowa.

As a dessert course to the above fact heavy railroading fare, it might be of more than passing in- terest to know of the origination of the "cowcatcher," the only strictly American addition to the "iron horse."

It was the invention of Isaac Dripps, a young mechanical en- gineer working for the Camden & Amboy Railroad in New Jer- sey in the early 1830's.

So many cows trespassed upon the railroad that Dripps decided to install on the front end of the locomotive a small truck support- ing two iron spears. The Dripps device was effective, but it was fatal to cows.

To avoid damage suits he sub- stituted a crosswise bar similar to a present-day auto bumper, and from this evolved the present day V-shaped cowcatcher.

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